



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act

On August 25, 2020, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed Consent Decree with the United States District Court for the Southern District Florida in the lawsuit entitled *United States v. Key West Express, LLC.*, Civil Action No. 4:20-cv-10100-JLK.

The Consent Decree resolves claims brought against Key West Express, LLC. for recovery of damages under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (“NMSA”), 16 U.S.C. § 1443(a)(1), arising from the December 27, 2016 incident when Defendant’s catamaran ferry (named “*Big Cat Express*”) ran aground and destroyed sanctuary resources in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. The proposed Consent Decree resolves the claim for \$2,246,596.09.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States v. Key West Express, LLC.*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-5-1-1-12188. All comments must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by e-mail or by mail:

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During the public comment period, the Consent Decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department website: <https://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>.

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